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Subject: PSIO SITREP UPDATE #6 – 6 Feb 2022 – Freedom Convoy Solidarity Activity

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ONLY: SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS SITUATION DEVELOPS. INFORMATION MAY BE BASED ON UNCONFIRMED REPORTING.

UPDATE #6

DATE/TIME: February 6, 2022 @ 1155 hrs

PURPOSE: To provide aggregated situational awareness regarding “Freedom Convoy” solidarity activity impacting Alberta.

BACKGROUND: No Change

CURRENT STATUS:

Coutts Border Crossing

- As of 11:00 hrs Sun 6 Feb, RCMP EOC reports:
 - There were no major changes to the circumstances at Checkpoint 10 (CP10) or Coutts overnight.
 - Traffic is flowing (single lane) through both sites; however, when lines form wait times are two to three hours.
 - The major restriction to traffic flow continue to be congestion at CP10.
 - CBSA and US Border Patrol provided a rough estimate of a 90% reduction from regular traffic flow.
 - Protestors have been, in general, friendly with law enforcement.
 - There appears to be an increase local community members who would like to see the protest end or move to a proper location
- Member of the core Freedom 2022 group in Coutts reportedly met with three MLAs and some of the members have committed to leaving. At least two have left so far and an additional 12 may leave. [No further details known at this time]
- Nearby border crossings have reported an increase in volume.
- USCBP at Carway/Piegan Crossing reported receiving ~100 SB vehicles on Sat 5 Feb. TRANS working on getting additional Carway data.

Alberta Legislature / McDougall Centre

- As of 10:55 hrs Sun 6 Feb, Sheriffs report no activity. Roadblocks are in place. Sheriff Incident Commander is linked with EPS Watch commander.

City of Edmonton & Environs

- No known activity.

City of Calgary & Environs

- A 'Foothills Freedom Protest' is being promoted for 13:00 hrs Sun 6 Feb at Olde Towne Plaza (50 McRae St) in Okotoks. Street Pastor Art Pawlowski is indicated as a speaker. A 'Foothills Freedom Slow-Roll' commencing at 11:45 hrs at Dawgs Stadium is intended to feed into the rally. [minimal participation anticipated]

Regional Municipalities / Rural

- At 15:00 hrs of Sat 5 Feb, social media indicated a collision on Highway 1 at Brooks, indicating farm equipment was involved, believed to be from the convoy. Calgary CTV news later reported that that "Emergency crews had to extract an injured man from his vehicle after a crash involving a farm tractor during a Saturday southern Alberta convoy protest." It was a three vehicle collision. RCMP are investigating. [confirmed]

Ottawa "Freedom Convoy 2022"

- As of 09:00 hrs Sun 6 Feb, Ottawa Police report:
 - Police had responded to over 650 calls for service in relation to the demonstrations since they began.
 - 97 criminal offence investigations have been opened in relation to the demonstration.
 - The Hate-motivated crime hotline has received over 200 calls, and Detectives are ensuring every report is investigated.
 - Overnight (5/6 Feb), there was a peak attendance of 250 people in the Wellington Corridor and a large crowd of 350 people at Rideau and Sussex.
 - There are 100 demonstrators in the Wellington Corridor and 500 vehicles in the red zone.
 - Bylaw and Police Services have issued more than 450 tickets since Sat (5 Feb) morning, including tickets for the following:
 - Excessive noise
 - Use of Fireworks
 - Failure to drive in marked lane
 - Red light violations
 - Driving through a No Truck Route
 - Seatbelt violation
 - Driving a motor vehicle on a sidewalk
 - Cellphone
 - Disobey sign

- Improper muffler
- Tint (too dark)
- Obstructed license plate
- Failure to produce documents
- Stunt Driving (vehicle seized)
- Suspended license
- No Insurance
- Several vehicles were seized and towed, including one stolen truck and an abandoned vehicle in a roadway.
- Ottawa Police Service Negotiators supported efforts to limit noise and the blowing of horns from 9AM to 1PM EST.

Other Provinces / National

- Toronto Police indicate a man, 34 was arrested and charged with assault with a weapon for throwing feces at another person during Sat 5 Feb demonstration at Bedford Rd & Bloor St West.
- Toronto: road closures from 5 Feb remain in place.

MINISTRY UPDATES:

Justice & Solicitor General (JSG):

- No change.

Transportation (TRANS):

- CBSA and Reported Border Crossing Hours of Operation:

Border Crossing	Status	Hours	Notes
Coutts AB /Sweetgrass MT	Open	Canada: 24 hours / 7 days a week US: 24 hours/ 7 days a week	Traffic is still impeded south of Milk River at Highway 4 and 501, which is about 20 km north of Coutts. While the border is open, traffic is escorted and moving through slowly.
Carway AB/Piegan MT	Open	Canada: 8 am – 10 pm / 7 days a week (temporary expansion from 8 am – 6pm) US: 8 am – 10 pm / 7 days a week	These are extended hours compared to normal hours of operation The US Piegan port has matched the CBSA Carway hours. Extended hours are expected to remain in effect until February 8, subject to further changes.

Del Bonita AB/Del Bonita MT	Open	Canada: 9 am – 5 pm (Monday to Friday) US: 9 am – 5 pm (Monday to Friday)	There are continued contingency plans in place to re-open over the weekend if needed. Active discussions will continue today with CBSA and US CBP on whether or not Del Bonita will open with extended hours tomorrow.
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- The AMTA and the ATA are involved with the US CBP and the CBSA on the ports and hours of opening.
- No significant delays are being reported by CBSA, US CBP or AMTA at any of these ports.
- Websites are not always keeping pace with the changing hours. The department continues to flag this with the CBSA and CBP.
- The City of Lethbridge Emergency Command Centre remains stood up, and a Transportation Liaison has been assigned by the South Region promote information agencies.
- Emcon has been able to resume plowing operation unimpeded.

Municipal Affairs:

- No change.

Jobs, Economy, and Innovation (JEI):

- No change

Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Economic Development (AFRED):

- No change

ASSESSMENT & STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Social media indicators suggest core protesters anticipating Provincial Cabinet meeting developments on Monday. Currently signalling intent to remain in place until at least Monday, but expressing optimism regarding mandate grievance.

FORECAST:

- Coutts Border Crossing interference appears to maintain significant local support. Continues to main area of activity.
- Protest activity at Legislature on Sun 6 Feb appears highly unlikely.

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